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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 482 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY ACOSTA, YOUNGBLOOD, SCHWEYER, BISHOP, HEFFLEY,  
HENNESSEY, ROEBUCK, DRISCOLL, MILLARD, DIGIROLAMO, WATSON,  
CRUZ, O'BRIEN, NEILSON, VEREB, VITALI, D. PARKER, BIZZARRO,  
KINSEY, PASHINSKI, DERMODY, KIRKLAND, THOMAS, DAVIS,  
CALTAGIRONE, MAJOR, KIM, O'NEILL, MURT, SCHREIBER, C. PARKER,  
GOODMAN, DEAN, MAHONEY AND WHEELAND, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 15 through October 15, 2015, as "National  
2 Hispanic Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania and honoring Captain  
3 Michael Anthony Bastone, Sr., of the Philadelphia Sheriff's  
4 Office in conjunction with this observance.

5 WHEREAS, "National Hispanic Heritage Month" is set aside to  
6 mark the independence of certain Latin American countries; and

7 WHEREAS, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa  
8 Rica, Mexico and Chile observe independence days during this  
9 period; and

10 WHEREAS, "National Hispanic Heritage Month" further  
11 commemorates the cultural diversity among Hispanic Americans,  
12 who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central  
13 America and South America; and

14 WHEREAS, As a nation, we celebrate our growing Hispanic  
15 population and pay tribute to notable Hispanic Americans during  
16 this period; and

1       WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes, in  
2 particular, Captain Michael Anthony Bastone, Sr., of the  
3 Philadelphia Sheriff's Office, who has attained distinction as  
4 the first Hispanic American to earn the rank of captain within  
5 that office; and

6       WHEREAS, Captain Bastone entered law enforcement in 1992 as a  
7 correctional officer at the Philadelphia Industrial Correctional  
8 Center; and

9       WHEREAS, Joining the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office in 1995 as  
10 a deputy sheriff officer, Captain Bastone completed extensive  
11 training and honorably served with the Civil Unit, Warrant Unit  
12 and Transportation Unit while advancing to his current rank; and

13       WHEREAS, The House of Representatives proudly notes our  
14 Commonwealth's rich multicultural heritage and praises Captain  
15 Bastone's leadership and service within the diverse force of  
16 sworn personnel comprising the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office;  
17 therefore be it

18       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize  
19 September 15 through October 15, 2015, as "National Hispanic  
20 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania and honor Captain Michael  
21 Anthony Bastone, Sr., of the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office in  
22 conjunction with this observance.